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DEMOCRATIC TORRANCE GOES GOP; 88.6 PER CENT VOTED



(Bob Roberts Photo)
JUDGE OTTO B. WILLETT
... Wins Court Race

Willett Gets Huge Torrance Vote to Win

Judge D. Clifford Higgins conceded Judge Otto B. Willett's victory at 4 o'clock yesterday. He called his opponent to congratulate him on his victory and assure him of his full support in the conduct of the office. By the time of the concession, Judge Willett had assumed a commanding lead of 4000 votes, with Torrance giving him the plurality.

Judge Willett amassed 30,404 votes against Judge Higgins' 26,806.

Although the vote from eight precincts is not included in these figures, it is not expected that the missing votes will disturb Willett's lead to any great extent.

Missing from the count were the tallies from one precinct in Torrance, four in Manhattan Beach, one in El Nido, and two in Lawndale.

"I certainly wish to express my appreciation to all those who voted for me. The voters of all areas within the district can be assured I shall do everything I can to build a community spirit within the district and to weld the area into a harmonious unit," said Judge Willett yesterday.

Arawise, Judge Willett led in most sections with the exception of Manhattan Beach, which is Judge Higgins' "own backyard." In Manhattan, Higgins led Willett 5961 to 3719. Willett took his "own backyard," Torrance, by a thumping 8974 to 3735 margin.

Willett won in Torrance, Rolling Hills, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes, El Nido and Clifton Heights.

Higgins took Hermosa, Gardena, Manhattan, El Porto and Lawndale.

Here's the vote:

	Willett	Higgins
Torrance	8974	3735
Lomita	2028	1358
Rolling Hills	521	423
Gardena	3023	3494
Redondo	5652	5484
Hermosa	2808	2845
Manhattan	3719	5961
Palos Verdes	1067	531
El Porto	78	96
El Nido	99	48
Clifton	296	211
Lawndale	1825	2364
Moneta	314	256

Torrance Assured of New Harvey Industry

A news story published last week that Torrance had "lost" a huge Harvey Machine Co. new development was refuted yesterday with the announcement that the local manufacturing firm had purchased a 40-acre tract in Torrance on which to expand its local operation.

Lawrence Harvey, executive vice-president of the Harvey Machine Co., revealed that his company was planning two developments. One, to be located on property immediately south of the present plant at Western Ave. and 190th St., will be operated for the Air Force. It will house a huge 10-story heavy duty press to be used in the manufacture of airplane parts.

Ellen Koehn and Dan Mayers Top C of C Essay Test

Essays submitted by Ellen Koehn and Dan Mayers were tabbed for top honors in the Chamber of Commerce's essay contest on the topic "Why Every Eligible Citizen Should Vote on November 4th." It was announced yesterday by Robert I. Plomert Jr., president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

From more than 80 entries submitted, the two were picked by a committee headed by Judge Otto B. Willett, Mayor Mervin M. Schwab, Councilman Nick Drale, Judge John Shidler, Don Rice, L. Milton Isbell, and George Powell.

After going over the essays Judge Willett commented that "it is gratifying to know how our youth of America is thinking about questions of national importance."

A \$25 Defense Bond will be presented to each of the two winners at a special high school assembly at 10 a. m. next Wednesday, Plomert said.

Thief Takes Trailer

A small, metal trailer was stolen from 3741 Pacific Coast Hwy., owner Virgil Hancock reported to police Thursday. He said it was painted green and had red wheels.



CHILD COMFORTED . . . California Highway Patrolman John Rebec shows a small doll to Charlene Stillely, 5, of 1031 W. Ocean Ave., as he tries to comfort the tot after she was struck by a car in front of her home. At left is C. K. Stillely, the child's father. She suffered lacerations and bruises. The driver was not held.



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
... Nation's New President

Torrance Backs Ike, King and Willett

Torrance, traditionally Democratic, went Republican Tuesday to help elect General Eisenhower as an amazingly high percentage, 88.6, of the registered local voters stepped behind drawn curtains to mark their ballots.

The Ike-Nixon ticket drew 7617 votes to top the mark of Stevenson-Sparkman of 6914.

A lot of election money changed hands as the dopsters were upset in their pre-election predictions. They were depending on Torrance to go Democratic since the city registered 21 Democratic. There were 10,128 registered Democrats compared to 5,716 registered Republicans. However, the city did not vote a complete Republican ticket.

Car-Tot Mishaps On Climb; Third Child Injured

Another tot, a five-year-old girl, was struck by an auto as she ran across the street to the mailbox, Monday, in the third auto-child accident in a week. Taken to Harbor General Hospital, was Charlene Stillely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Stillely of 1031 W. Ocean Ave.

She was hit by a car driven by Mrs. Bethel Cook, 24, of 1313 W. 223rd St.

Mrs. Cook told Deputy D. D. Simpson that the little girl loomed up in front of her and though she swerved her auto, was unable to keep from hitting her. The front fender bumped the child, dashing her to the ground.

Four-year-old Robert Roberts, son of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Pye at, 804 Cerise Ave., still is at Torrance Memorial Hospital recovering from injuries received last week when he ran in front of a car. Another child, a girl, was hit in the Hollywood Riviera area last week, also.

Here's the Way Torrance Voted

(Unofficial)

PRESIDENTIAL	
Eisenhower	7,617
Stevenson	6,914
Hallen	35
Hamblen	31
MacArthur	3
Kefauver	1
SENATORIAL	
Knowland	11,714
Borough	1,282
Douglas	9
McKinnon	9
CONGRESSIONAL	
King	7,473
Finch	6,523
Seelig	129
JUDICIAL	
Willett	8,074
Higgins	3,735
PROPOSITIONS	
1—Veterans Bonds	
Yes	11,036
No	1,709
2—Public School Funds	
Yes	8,801
No	4,323
3—School Taxation	
Yes	8,307
No	5,519
4—Needy Blind	
Yes	7,775
No	4,833
5—Subversive Groups	
Yes	8,899
No	3,434
6—Loyalty Oaths	
Yes	9,125
No	3,115
7—Party Affiliations	
Yes	8,254
No	3,423
8—Church Taxation	
Yes	9,671
No	2,236
9—College Taxation	
Yes	9,486
No	2,332
10—Public Funds	
Yes	5,769
No	6,427
11—Aged Aid	
Yes	6,282
No	6,898
12—Military Service	
Yes	9,710
No	1,781
13—Cross Filing	
Yes	6,743
No	5,673
14—Constitution Repeal	
Yes	9,165
No	2,484
15—Insurance Tax	
Yes	10,002
No	1,949
16—Borough Government	
Yes	9,201
No	1,639
17—Chiropractors	
Yes	6,187
No	5,773
18—Community Redevelopment	
Yes	7,830
No	3,034
19—Grand Juries	
Yes	4,541
No	6,157
20—Hospital Funds	
Yes	6,623
No	4,730
21—Superior Judges	
Yes	6,892
No	3,691
22—Property Tax	
Yes	5,413
No	5,828
23—Property Assessment	
Yes	4,419
No	5,899
24—School Bonds	
Yes	9,888
No	2,394
A—Supervisors' Pay	
Yes	7,354
No	3,505
B—Flood Control	
Yes	8,735
No	2,868



CECIL R. KING
... Returned to Congress

King Piles up Huge Lead for Congress

Incomplete and still unofficial returns from the 17th Congressional District indicated last evening that Congressman Cecil R. King, representative from the area for the past 10 years, had been returned to his seat in the House of Representatives.

Chatten to Test Bomb Alerting Setup Tomorrow

The ears of the nation may well turn toward Torrance Friday morning to listen to the first public demonstration of a new air raid warning system. The device, invented by a local inventor, Vic Chatten, of 1567 W. 215th St., will be fired between 9 and 10 a. m. tomorrow morning from an uninhabited area within the city.

Inventor Chatten claims that residents within five miles from the point of the firing will hear the triple blast when the cartridge explodes at an altitude of 1000 feet.

Chatten's device consists of a four-barreled launching platform from which a shell is shot into the air. The warning cartridge has three charges which explode at one second intervals when the cartridge reaches altitude. An "All Clear" charge, a single blast, is intended to let the populace know the "Alert" is over.

Officials invited George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense for Torrance, has invited a score of officials of other cities in Area G to witness the demonstration. He will have a score of spotters scattered throughout the city to test the effectiveness of the device.

Herald Spurs Formation of Freeway Group

Response to an editorial carried in the Torrance Herald Oct. 16 resulted in the formation of a "watch dog" committee this week to keep citizens and property owners informed of new developments relative to the proposed Harbor Freeway route.

An announcement made yesterday by Robert I. Plomert Jr., president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, said a committee headed by Lawrence Harvey, executive vice-president of Harvey Machine Co., had been formed.

Plomert indicated that he was soliciting the cooperation of the presidents and secretaries of the Chambers of Commerce in adjacent areas of Redondo, Wilmington, San Pedro, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Keystone and Carson.

Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, said the group is proposed as a permanent working committee and will meet at regularly scheduled times.

A Herald editorial printed on Oct. 16 warned that someone should be keeping an eye on the developments of the Freeway which could have a very beneficial effect on the entire Harbor area.

Don't Send Your Kids to School, Or Go Banking

School kids, bank personnel and many public employees will get the day off Tuesday, because it'll be Armistice Day.